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SUBJECT: AIRPORT DEMONSTRATIONS AT AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. AMEMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE ARRIVED AT DON MUANG AIRPORT ABOUT 1800 MAY 14. ASIDE FROM MEMBERS OF THE MISSION STAFF AND PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, SOME 50 TO 60 DEMONSTRATOR WERE ALSO ON HAND. THE BIGGEST GROUP AMONG THEM WAS FROM A THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY CLUB WHOSE TITLE DEALT WITH THE PROTECTION OF THAILAND'S INDEPENDENCE. THERE WERE ALSO SOME STRIKERS FROM SAMAE SAN CAMP INCLUDED.

2. THE DEMONSTRATORS DISPLAYED SEVERAL CRUDELY DRAWN POSTERS. SOME WERE IN LITERATE THAI; OTHERS IN QUAINTE ENGLISH. AMONG THE LATTER WERE POSTERS READING: FORD, YOU DESTROY THE INTERNATIONAL LAW/ "CAMBODIA SEIZED U.S. SHIP TO AMERICAN DIRTY PLAN,
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"U.S. MARINES DON'T STAND BY HERE. AND "BASTARD

FORD, GET YOUR TROOPS OUT". SIMPLER POSTERS MERELY SAID "U.S. GET BACK" AND "GO HOME" ONE POSTER HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN BROUGHT OUT MOTHBALLS; IT READ "STOP THE WAR IN INDOCHINA".

3. THE DEMONSTRATORS SEEMED TO HAVE A PREDOMINANT SINO-THAI CAST. ONE MAN WITH A PORTABLE LOUDSPEAKER GAVE DIRECTIONS. THE DEMONSTRATORS SANG SEVERAL SONGS IN THAI, ONE OF THEM ON SOVEREIGNTY THEME TO THE TUNE OF "EXODUS".

4. COMMENT. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE NOISY BUT NOT VIOLENT. THE DISPATCH OF U.S. MARINES TO UTAPAO WITHOUT RTG PERMISSION AND AGAINST RTG DESIRES HAS GIVEN THEM A STRONG THEME.
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